If theſe Hints meet with your Approbation, I ſhall think it a ſufficient Recompence for the Trouble I have taken; and am, with great Reſpect,

SIR,

Your moſt Obedient,

Humble Servant,

Alderſgate-Street, Jan. 26. 1744.

W. Watſon.

VIII. *Extract of a Letter from* Bombay, *dated* January 23. 1743-4. *communicated by* Francis Woolaſton, *Eſquire, F. R. S. of a Porcupine ſwallowed by a Snake.*

Read Jan. 31. 1744.

SOME time ago there was found, on an Iſland adjacent to this, a large Snake, dead, with a Porcupine in its Belly. Perhaps you may not know, that a Snake always ſucks in its Food by degrees. This had ſeized the Porcupine by the Head; and had ſo ſucked it in. When it was quite in, the Quills, which were flatted down whilſt it was going in, roſe; ran through the Snake's Belly; and killed it: So that there was a monſtrous large Snake dead, with the Quills of a Porcupine ſticking out of it in many Places.